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Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg
Director
Central Intelligence Group
Room 2166
New War Department Building
21st and Virginia Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 29, 1946, prepared by you for the National Intelligence Authority reflecting the approval of the Intelligence Advisory Board for a NIA Directive extending the functions of the Director of Central Intelligence. I have examined the proposed NIA Directive which was attached to your memorandum of June 29, and I desire to indicate my approval. As reflected in my letter of June 25, 1946, I should again like to point out, however, that the statement contained in the Discussion which was attached to your memorandum of June 29, 1946, on the matter to the effect that "This does not, of course, preclude the use of specialized departmental personnel under rigid control," is probably based on erroneous impression of the President's letter of January 22, 1946. It is my understanding that the National Intelligence Authority is being given authority in the Directive to call upon the State, War, and Navy Department to assign from time to time, persons and facilities of their respective departments to work under the direction of the Director of Central Intelligence.

As stated in my previous letter, if this Directive is approved, it would appear to me there would be no reason why the Federal Bureau of Investigation should not withdraw as rapidly as possible from Central and South America. I would appreciate your advice in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER (Signed)

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cc to Central Records - 15 Apr 48. etc.